

REMARKS

Applicants received a Restriction Requirement mailed September 24, 2003. In response, Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1 - 8 and 19 - 27. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the unelected claims in a divisional application.

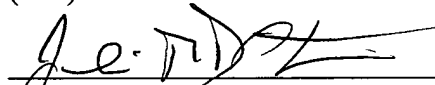
Applicants respectfully request examination and a Notice of allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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